

## AMERICAN HOME PRODUCTS CORPORATION

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LAW DEPARTMENT

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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region II
2890 Woodbridge Avenue
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Re: Request for Information Pursuant to Section 104(e) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9604(e); Bayonne Barrel & Drum, Superfund Site, 150-154 Raymond Boulevard, Newark, Essex County, New Jersey

Dear Sir:

We are in receipt of your correspondence of September 28, 1995 addressed to American Cyanamid Co., received October 5, 1995. We are conducting an inquiry of Cyanamid facilities and reviewing corporate records to ascertain what information, if any, the company has pertaining to the captioned site. We expect to be able to respond within 30 days as requested. You should be aware, however, that American Cyanamid Co. spun off its chemicals business into a separate, independent company, Cytec Industries, Inc., in December of 1993. According to the agreement between Cytec and Cyanamid, Cytec assumed all responsibility for liabilities pertaining to Cyanamid's chemicals business. Likewise, Cyanamid was required to transfer all records and documents pertaining to the chemicals business to Cytec. we have no information pertaining to Cyanamid's former chemicals business. All records, documents and other pertinent information is in the care, custody and control of Cytec.

We bring the above information to your attention because we were advised by the Bayonne Drum Hotline that Cyanamid's "connection" to the site was through its Industrial Chemicals Division plant in Wallingford, Ct. Since we no longer possess or control documents which may be responsive to your request, you may want to send a separate inquiry to Cytec Industries pertaining to the Wallingford plant. The Wallingford plant which is owned and operated by Cytec. The address for Cytec is 5 Garret Mountain Plaza, W. Paterson, N.J. 07424.

Last, for your information, American Cyanamid Co. was merged with American Home Products in November, 1994. Therefore, if you have any inquiries in this matter, please direct them to the undersigned.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Margaret R. Tribble

cc: Linda Doucette-Ashman/Cytec Industries, Inc.



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